

## ABSTRACT

A piezoelectric transducer drive circuit comprising a variable current source (12) being controlled by a differential operational amplifier (11), a constant current source (15) and a switch means (13) connected in series with the variable current source (12) between a power supply voltage  $V_{DD}$  and the ground potential, and a capacitor (14) having opposite ends connected with the output of the variable current source (12) and one input terminal of the differential operational amplifier (11), wherein the switch means (13) takes nonconducting state upon stoppage of applying operation of intermittent operation and takes conducting state at the time of applying operation, and an error reference voltage  $V_{REF1}$  takes a first value upon stoppage of intermittent operation and transits gradually to a second value as the operation is started. Overshoot current of a cold cathode ray tube can be deterred when applying operation of intermittent operation is started.